OMAHA, WEDNESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 6, 1886.

MURPHY WANTS THE EARTH

Pulling the Wires for the Iowa Pension Agency for One of His Lieutenants.

A LIVELY FIGHT IN PROGRESS.

A Bill Introduced in the House to Make Omaha a Port of Entry-Patents Issued to Western Inventors Washington News.

The Iowa Pension Fight.

Washington, Jan. 5,-[Special Tele gram. |- A very lively fight is in progress over the pension agency for the Iowa district. Col. Mer rill, of Clinton, and Judge Kinne, chairman of the democratic state central committee, are here, and each wants the place. Heretofore these gentlemen have worked harmoniously, but their interests clash at present and they are enemies for the future. Kinne was supposed to have the strongest political backing, but Col. Merrill has a war record behind him which will undoubtedly prove a strong lever in boosting him into the place. If Merrill is appointed to the position it will be another feather in Jerry Murphy's cap. Murphy has already secured the appointment of the United States marshal for the northern district in the person of Mr. Desmond, of Clinton, while his brother, "Ti A," has been appointed United States district attorney for the same district. Merrill is from Murphy's bailiwick, and if he succeeds in getting the place, some of Murphy's colleagues think that the judge will be a fit candidate for the vacancy in the trinity when it occurs. For several days there has been a great deal of quiet wire pulling on the part of the friends of the two candidates, and each has privately expressed the opinion that he has things all his own way. The fact remains, however, that Gen. Black has adopted a rule which will be detrimental to the Kinne faction. He has said that whenever he can do so he will always select an ex-soldier for the position of pension agent, all other things being equal, in preference to a civilian. Some of who knew the Davenport member pretty well, assert that since he secured the appointment of his two candidates for the two positions above mentioned, it has been necessary to send in two cards before he would see any one. They are afraid that if Merrill is appointed, a silver salver to carry the cards upon will be necessary, while if his success should be topped off by the passage of the Henepin canal bill, nothing but a coach and four, with a footman in livery-will satisfy the ambitions of the honorable gentleman from

BILLS BY NEBRASKA CONGRESSMEN. In the house to-day, Mr. Weaver of Ne braska, presented the military record of Albert Cotton. He also presented bills appropriating \$10,000 for the construction of a public building and the purchase of a site for the same at the city of Beatrice; directing that there shall be one term of the United States district and circuit courts held in Nebraska City, beginning on the first Monday of February in each year, and that one grand jury and one petit jury only shall be summoned, and serve in both of these courts at each term; dividing the state of Nebraska into two judicial circuits on the Platte river, the circuit north of the river to be known as the northern district and that south as the southern district of Nebraska; requiring transcripts of judgments obtained in United States courts to be filed with county officers having charge of judgment records in certain cases; extending the provisions of the act of June 10, 1880, entitled "An act to amend the statutes in relation to the immediate transportation of duitable goods, and for other purposes" to the port of Omaha: declaring the time, the cost of surveying, selecting and conveying should have been paid by the railroad company under the Pacific railroad act; amending an act authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Missour river opposite to or within the limits of Nebraska City, approved June 4, 1872, by giving the right to any company or corporation that may build a bridge under the provisions of the act, a right to build the same from the most eligible place it may select within a distance of seven miles up or down the river from the corporate limits of Nebraska City; requiring judges of the United States circuit or district courts to reduce their instructions to juries to writing in all states wherein the bylaws thereof state that judges are required to do so.

Iowa.

Mr. Laird introduced his land bills, which were mentioned in these dispatches some time ago. Mr. Laird also presented bills for the relief of George S. Comstock, James Bainter, Henry Martin, Moses Fullington, Wesley Montgomery, Stephen C. Monroe, John H. Whitaker, Delia G. Webber, Patsy Jackson, Benjamin F. Pope, David Stone cipher, W. H. Tibbels and Charles H. Holt: also a bill for the erection of a public build ing at Hastings; to equalize the pay of hospital stewards of the army with that of other officers of like rank; directing that terms of the circuit and district courts of the United States shall be held at Hastings each year: for the relief of certain officers of the army; regulating proof required in pension cases; to prevent acquisition of property by aliens. Mr. Dorsey presented a bill for the relief of

Otto Shittler. PATESTS ISSUED TO WESTERN INVENTORS Patents were issued as follows to-day: Wil Ham H. Babcock, assignor of one-half to P. Goeble, Alton, Iowa, bolt lock; James Da venny, assignor of one-third to II. Hittle, Corfruth, Iowa, buckle; Robert D. Duncan, assignor of one-half to A. Wallace, Omaha, Neb., strainer for catch basins; James Gil-more, DeWitt, Iowa, fire wood sawing machine; Mary A. Greeley, Ottumwa, Iowa, candlestick; Joel Mosiman, Falls City, Neb., traction engine; Collins F. Newton, assigno of one-half to W. S. Wing, Omaha, Neb. train signal; Harmon D. Overton, Missour Valley, Iowa, thill coupling; Theodore Phillips, assignor of one-half to E. Egli, Whiting, Iowa, washing machine; D. Smith, Rising City, Neb., filter; Ferdinand Windler, Keokuk, Iowa, car coupling: John A. Yarger, New Hampton, Iowa, roller skate.

SALABIES REDUCED. J. F. Driver and J. P. Grantham of Iowa, have been reduced in the general land office to \$1,400 a year from \$1,500 on account of appointments being made in classes above and old men filling them being retained by reducing their rank.

A PUBLIC NUISANCE.

East St. Louis Driving Telegraph Poles From the Streets.

Sr. Louis, Mo. Jan. 5 .- In the case of the city of East St. Louis against the Western Union Telegraph company on the charge that the company's poles and wires were a nuisance, in violation of the city ordinance, Justice Shea gave a judgment for the city of \$50 and costs. An appeal was at once taken. The case will probably be carried to the supreme court and the question definitely settled whether the company has a right to maintain its poles in the city.

Wheat in New York. NEW YORK, Jan. 5 .- The visible supply of wheat as compiled by the New York produce exchange is 58,645,325 bushels; an incr.— P13,512 bushels.

NEBRASKA AND IOWA.

Baising the Snow Blockade in and Around Lincoln. Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 5.—[Special Telegram.]—The Burlington train No. 1.

which left Omaha Monday morning at 8 'clock, reached Lincoln at 11 a. m. to-day having been twenty seven hours on the road, over one-half of which was passed in cutting through a drift at Greenwood. There were 155 passengers, nearly all bound for points west of Lincoln. Train No. 1, which left Omaha this morning, came through on time, and the main line east of Lincoln is now clear. The Atchison branch will be opened to-day, and an attempt made to get a train west on the

The sheriff of Cook county, Illinois, visited Lincoln yesterday and obtained extradition papers for the return of Henry Glifoyle to Chicago, where he is now under indictment for burglary. Gilfoyle was arrested in Omaha last week, but refused to go back to Illinots unless taken on a requisition. The papers were sent to Omaha last night.

The U. P. train which started for Omalia yesterday afternoon ran ran off the track near the stock yards while bucking snow, and had to be abandoned. The pilot of the engine was torn off and it took nearly five hours to right the machine so the train could be backed down to Lincoln.

The first train on the Burlington from the west since Sunday came in about 8 o'clock last night and was at once sent east. The main line is now open the full length. The Nebraska City branch was also opened last night, and the Grand Island road will be cut out to-day.

Both Engines Demolished. Long Pine, Neb., Jan. 5.—[Special Telegram.]—Passenger train No. 5 arrived here

live hours late. While changing engines, engine No. 18 collided with engine No. 29, demolishing both engines and smashing up the baggage car and doing considerable damage. No one was injured.

Died of Heart Disease. DES MOINES, Iowa, Jan. 5.- | Special Tele

gram.]-Mr. C. L. Caln, a prominent citizen and well-known republican of Pleasantville, tell dead in a store at that place to-day. Ap poplexy of the heart was the cause. Loyal to the Core.

BELFAST, Jan. 5 .- Arrangements are being made for a monster meeting of loyalists in this city on the 18th ult., to protest against any measure granting home rule to Ireland.

SULLIVAN'S LATEST KNOCK DOWN He Clubs a Newsboy With a Loaded Umbrella.

Bosron, Jan. 5.—[Special Telegram.]— Slugger Sullivan added another leaf to the garland that adorns his brow, yesterday. He was in the lobby of the Gilsey house, accompanied by Billy Madden, when Tommy Lee aged 13, a sickly little fellow, entered, selling papers. Sullivan was nely drunk and was angered by not finding Al Smith of Chicago at the hotel. The boy stepped up to Sullivan and Madden and asked: "Papers, gentlemen?" Sullivan turned on him savagely, clubbed a heavy silver handled umbrella, and struck the little fellow a savage blow in the mouth. With blood streaming from his mouth little Tom fell to the floor, crying. Sullivan walked leasurely out of the hotel, while Madden ran to the boy, picked him up, placed a dellar bill in his hand, saying: "Take this; don't speak of it. I'll see you ugain and give you some more. My friend is a little drunk." Madden then rejoined Sullivan on the sidewalk, and the boy fol lowed, his blood dripping on the marble floor at every step. Mrs. Lee, mother of the news boy, will try to have Sullivan arrested.

BURGLARS BLAST A SAFE.

The Quincy Market Building in Bos ton Shaken Up.

Boston, Jan. 5 .- [Special Telegram.] - At midnight a heavy explosion shook the great Quincy market bullding on North and South Market streets. Passers by saw the windows and a portion of the walls of the second story tiv into the street and an alarm of tire was turned in. The firemen and police found that the explosion was caused by burglars who had been operating upon the enormous safe of the Ames Plow company, which occu pies the whole second story of the block. The explosion was doubtless much greater than the robbers anticipated. The doors of the safe were blown off and great damage was done to the interior of the building. The interior of the safe had been strip ped of all valuables. A large amount of money and securities were always on deposit there. Two policemen reached the building a moment after the explosion, but saw no one leave the place. It is impossible yet to estimate the loss.

A PUGILISTIC TRADER.

Ends an Animated Conversation With a Well-Deliverd Blow. CHICAGO, Jan. 5,-[Special Telegram.]

Parties standing in the provision pit and around one of the tables at which the tellers are at work on 'Change receiving ballots for the second vice presidency of the board, were astonished about the time business opened this morning to see Mr. John J. Bryant and Robert Lindblom in animated conversation. Nobody appears to have heard what passed between the two men, but the termination of the momentary meeting was a violent blow delivered on Lindbloom's eye by Bryant's fist. The present director left the hall immediate ly after. No secret is made of the fact that the trouble grew out of yesterday's circular issued by Lindbloom, in which his opponent was by interence termed a "sneak thief." Opinion on 'Change differs as to the merits of the case, but all are agreed that Director Bryant showed agremarkable lack of taste in making a prize ring of the exchange floor,

HE PULLED HER WIDE OPEN. A Passenger Train Dashes Over

Burning Bridge Safely. Petersnurg, Va., Jan. 5.-[Special Telegram. - A passenger train from Wilmington N. C., for Richmond, Washington and New York, over the Atlantic Coast line railroad, was one hour behind her schedule time in reaching here last evening, having narrowly escaped destruction near Rocky Mount. The trestle there, Engineer Thos. McMillan discovered to be on fire, but not before his train was within a few yards of it. A portion of the bridge had been burned but the rails were in place. There was no time for reflection and pulling out the valve of the locomotive as far as he could, the train darted over the tottering trestie at the rate of sixty miles an hour. The speed of the train was increased so suddenly that all lights in the coaches were extinguished and the passengers were considerably shaken up. No one was hurt.

An Excursion Boat Burned. WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5.-The well known excursion steamer America burned about 5 o'clock this morning at Alexandria, Va. The vessel was owned by the Inman & Coastwise company of Baltimore, and was valued at \$20,000.

A Change of Editors. Boston, Jan. 5.-George Ellis, publisher of the Daily Advertiser and the Evening Record has resigned. It is stated that Henry Cabot Lodge will take his place.

PRESIDENTIAL PRECAUTIONS.

Comment on the New Year's Display of Detectives at the White House.

THE REMOVAL OF MR. GURLEY.

A Penny Postage Advocate's Views-Few Changes Made in the Senate Force of Attaches-Derelict Army and Navy Officers.

Guarding the White House. WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 .- | Special. |- In all the comment made upon the reception at the white house on New Year's day, more is said about the superabundance of policemen and detectives than anything else connected with it. People are inquiring whether it was Mr. Cleveland or his friends who recommended such an unusual number of body guards; and whether there was any reason especial tor such precaution against harm to the executive by some wicked individual.

The people at the white house continue to deny that any of Pinkerton's men were employed, or detectives of any character. It is also true that there were more than a dozen detectives on the inside andont side of the white house during the reception. It is also true that there were twice as many ushers and doorkeepers, whether they were policemen, detectives or citizens, than usual and thrice the precautions usually taken were

It has been suggested that the president has received so many threatening missives of late from cranks and disappointed officeholders that he was warranted in flooding the executive mansion with men to guard against violence. Be the cause of all this what it may it has attracted a great deal of attention here, and will undoubtedly fail of emulation at future receptions. The folly of it was early discovered. THE LAW IS FEARED.

The removlaofGurley of the postoffice depart ment, has created a good deal of unpleasantness again among the department employes. Gurley was superintendent of the free delivery system, which he was the author of, was one of the best men in the government service, was tree from objection of any character whatever, except that he was a republican, and the duties of his office required that experience he was possessed of. If such an officer is removed without cause, other employes are inquiring of themselves, "Why am-I retained?" There is probably not another man in all the service with so many good arguments in favor of his retention and so few for his removal. If he could be removed with impunity, just to make room for a democrat, disregarding the good of the ser vice, what sense is there in keeping the clerks and those generally who come within the

letter of the law? *It is remarked everywhere that there is a great disparity between the practice of the cabinet officers and the professions of the president on the subject of civil service reform. There is not, in fact, any resemblance between them. There is not a particle of spoils in the office held by Gurley. It is simply a clerical position, but with many comolications and tar-reaching and intricate duties, requiring experience and ability. One thing is very prain, however, in all this: The practical benefits of civil service reform are never considered—only the law is feared. AN EXPLANATION CALLED FOR.

It is reported that a number of army and navy officers who were in the city on New Year's day, and failed to pay their respects to President Cleveland on that day, will be required to furnish excuses and show cause why they ignored the orders of their superior officers. It is not especially incumbent upon officers to do honors to the presi dent on that day, but custom has made it an unwritten rule, that it is seldom broken. The secretaries of war and the navy issued order for the officers to assemble on that morning for this customary social event, but so many of them ignored the order and custom that it believed some inquiry will be made

A PENNY POSTAGE ADVOCATE. "We can just as well have penny postage," ald an old postoffice department official to day, "as not. I have seen some estimates made of the increase of the service since the reduction of letter postage to two cents, and compared to approximations of what the result will be if an ounce of letter could be sent for a penny, and I tell you we can just as well afford to reduce the postage from two cents to one cent as we could a couple of years ago from three to two cents. I believe, however, that the reduction should at first be made on the first half ounce, that is charge two cents an ounce, as now, but let the letter go for a penny if it does not weigh over half an ounce. The deficiency would not be near so great as it was when the other reduction was made. People would write oftener, but on lighter paper. When the reduction was made of two cents for an ounce, people simply used heavier paper. I think, too, that a folding postal card would take, too-that is a piece of paper, stamped, twice the size of a postal card that could be written upon, turned over and sealed, all for a penny, would be the thing. That would afford cheap letter stationary and postage for a penny, and cost no more and be no heavier than a

FEW CHANGES IN THE SENATE FORCE, There have been no changes made in the orces of the senate during this session which are material. The reorganization of the committees amounted to little of consequence, and no changes have taken place in the employes positions. The senate adheres to traditions, and changes occur infrequently. Things go by courtesy, and nearly as many democrats remain under republican rule as republicans in the minor offices. In the house, however, the changes are very radical every two years, whether the same party remains in power or another comes in. The members say they get better service by having changes made. A man is more accommodating, it is found, about congress, especially, when he knows he can retain his place only by civility and efficiency, and has no claim upon custom, tradition or senatorial courtesy. By retaining the same men in position for many years, old lawmakers say, the ruts become graves, and tines become ditches. None of the positions about congress, with perhaps a dozen exceptions, require much talent. It is said a committee is again to be appointed to look into these matters in the senate.

PROSPECTS FOR NAVAL LEGISLATION. Your correspondent inquired of a naval officer if he thought much would be done for

the navy by this congress. "Well," he replied, "it is expected by the idministration, but I have been feeling around among congressmen for sentiment, and don't believe anything will be effected further than work started up in our navy yards. It is my impression that when this new navy is constructed-I mean the new ships built-the work will be done at our yards, as it should be. Then we will never be at the mercy of anybody or any country. The government can do its own work."

DISAPPOINTED EXPECTATIONS. they have built too high their expectations of this congress, and that after all there is not generally. He was arrested yesterday.

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going to be a very large crowd here during the winter. One of the leading landlords said this morning: "I have a smaller num ber of rooms engaged for this month than for several years. Of course we have, as all the hotels have, a good business, but the first

four months of the year are our barvest

months,"

"Why is this?" "Well, because there is nothing likely to ome before congress to attract the masses, Revision of the tariff, bankrupter bills and discussion of commercial matters fetch the crowds. It seems that none of these matters a re likely to come up, at least very soon, and we must put up with bridal parties yet."

THE SHIVER QUESTION. Western members of congress re-turning from the holiday vacation say the prospects are poor for any anti-silver legislation in the house at this session. Most of them having interviewed their constituents while at home, come back more determined than ever to resist interference with the "dollar of our daddies." The anti-silver members, who fear the result of continued coinage of silver, say the only thing now is to wait until the exportation of gold begins in earnest, and let the house know its error by blitter experience. The question blds fair to lead very soon to an interesting diseassion, to say the least, in the house, and one that will engender bad feeling between the president and some democratic members,

OBITUARY.

The Rev. Arthur O. Brykeman. BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 5.-The Rev Arthur O. Brykeman died at his residence in this city at an early hour this morning in his Sist year, of hemorrhages and faundice. He was born at Koengburgh, Prussia, and was a son of the most prominent German physician of his time, and it is said is closely related to the royal family of Prussia. He graduated from the university of Lebsig, and then entered the Lutheran ministry. His connection with the troubles of 1848 exiled with him the Hon. Carl Schurz, with whom he has always maintained an affectionate friendship. Since giving up the work of the ministry, he has pursued literary labors and lecturing.

Death of a College President. CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 5,-Rev. Dr. J. W. Hall, formerly president of the Miami university of Oxford, died yesterday in Covington, Ky., aged 83.

Joshua B. Lippincott. PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5.-Joshua B. Lippincott, head of the book piblishing house of Joshua B. Lippincott & Con died this morn-

Elijah Upton. BATH, Me., Jan. 5.-Elijah Upton, senior editor of the Daily Times and American Sentinel, died this morning agol 70 years.

AMONG THE RAILROADS. A Resume of the Illinois Railroad

Commission's Report. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 5 .- The railroad and warehouse commissioners to-day sont to the public printer their annual report of the condition of the fifty-four railroads in the state, together with a statement of their business, indebtedness, etc. The following facts are gleaned from the tables: The total length of tracks in Illinois foots up 11,268,000 miles. The capital stock of fifty roads as reported, including leased lines, was \$683,141,000, an increase over last year of \$16,5,0,000. The funded debt is \$725,606,00. The floating debt is \$46,675,000. The aggregate of stocks, bonded and floating debt is \$1,454,785,000. The total gross income for the year of roads reporting is \$194,483,000 of which and \$13.521,000 from freight; from other sources the income was \$1,827,000. The gross earnings for Illinois business amounted to \$56,961,000. The total operating expenses and taxes paid in Illinois during the year was \$37,530.(0). The aggregate gross profit on Illinois business was \$19,650,000. The rearts from twenty four ranks show an aggregate ports from twenty-four roads show an aggre gate gross profit of \$19,685,000, and light show an aggregate loss of \$55,000.

The Wabash Foreclosure. St. Louis, Jan. 5.-The Wabash railroad foreclosure case came up to-day in the United States court, but counsel wishing more time the court adjourned until to-mor

REPORTED FLED. But Denied by the Indicted Million-

aire's Son. CHICAGO, Jan. 5.-The rumor that Milton Weston, the Chicago capitalist indicted for conspiracy in the Murrysville gas well riots near Pittsburg, had fled to South America, cannot be verified, and is not credited here. A son of Mr. Weston, seen here to-day, said he was in receipt of a letter from his father. dated New York city, January 3, when he appeared to be in good spirits and said nothing to indicate that he intended leaving the country. The son also said that his father was not the man to run away in any event. Perristence, Jan. 5.—It is reported here that Milton Weston, the Chicago millionaire who was recently sentenced to foury ears it the western penitentiary for complicity in the Murrayville gas well riots, but afterwards released on \$15,000 bail, pending the decision of the supreme court on an application for new trial, has by the advice of his counse fled to South America and forfeited his bond, Weston's application was refused yesterday, and his friends think he will not return to abide by his sentence.

A Planter Fails.

VICKSBURG, Miss., Jan. 5.—Deputy United States Marshal Baum has attached the property of W. K. Ingersoll, in Issaquena county. upon a judgment from the United States court. The attachment was based upon a udgment in favor of W. G. Hamerlin, a broker of Detroit, Mich., for \$15,000, Mr. Ingersoll is one of the leading attorneys of this city, and his planting and mercantile ests in Issaquena county are very large, which places his liabilities at \$95,000, and his ssets at \$1,520,000,

The Golden City Express Robber. LAMAR, Mo., Jan. 5. Page, the Golden lity express robber, was held under guard in Golden City until yesterday morning, when he was brought to Lamar for preliminary trial. Yesterday afternoon the justice's court was crowded with those anxious to see the prisoner and hear the testingony. He waived trial until the February term of the circuit court and his bond was fixed at \$2,000, in de-fault of which he was removed to jail.

Northern Pacific Earnings. New YORK, Jan. 5 .- The statement of the Northern Pacific tailread for December shows gross earnings of \$501,823, an increase over the same month last year of \$43,594, The statement of the road from July 1 to December 31 shows gross earnings of 86.627,719, an increase over the same period last year of \$1,420,032.

A Large Pension.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 5.- Pension Agent Everett yesterday issued to Alex Gilchrist of Indiana, Pa., the largest pension ever paid to a private soldier. The back pay aggregated \$12,151 and the money came to a blind crip ple, an old man who has been an inmate of the poorhouse for twelve years.

A Window Smasher.

Henry Lorenson appeared before Police Judge Stenberg yesterday and secured a warrant for Anton Schlowosky. The latter, he said, had knocked for admittance at his house last night, and upon

THE TORIES' HOME RULE PLAN

A County Government Scheme for Ireland With Full Local Power.

PARNELL'S SUPPORT PLEDGED.

The Irish Members to Poll Their

Full Vote to Sustain Salisbury-Gladstone Coming to America -General Foreign News. The Government's Irish Measure.

LONDON, Jan. 5,-[Special Telegram.] All doubts as to the introduction of the prom ed English home rule bill is put at rest. It is learned officially that the bill has progressed far enough to enable the cabinet to pledge itself to bring it in early in the sesion. The queen's speech will dwell particularly on this important measure, which is destined to accomplish a revolution as great in its way in England as the liberals contemplate for Ireland. The bill is to substitute the elective or partly elective system of moral off-government for the present exclusive system, which is representative only of landed interests. It is to be known as the county government bill. It will transfer to newly created authority supreme control of local administration, revenue, and expenditure; will do away to a large extent with control of the local government board and confine the operations of the government department to purely superior functions. The bill eonfers power to raise money. Clauses are being drafted to enable the new local government to take charge of the licensing, education and fee questions, and to acquire land for public purposes, and to let it out in small lots to rate payers for cultivation at a nominal rental. It is asserted that the government has received assurances almost amounting to pledges that Parnell will accept the tory local government scheme as the first installment. Should the opposition become so emboldened by any sign of wavering on the part of Lord Salisbury as to move a vote of want of confidence in his ministry, Parnell, it is said, will east the full strength of the Irish parliamentary vote for the conserva-

Gladstone May Visit America. LONDON, Jan. 5.-Gladstone has summone the liberal members of parliament to a meeting on the 16th inst. He privately informs them that he will then make a frank statement of the principles upon which he proposes to settle the Irish question. It is learned to-night on high authority that Gladstone has been disposed to accept an invitation to visit America. He is willing to risk his health in a voyage, but political uncertainty has so far prevented him from making the trip. He may possibly be induced to visit the United States in the autumn, after the conclusion of the in the autumn, after the conclusion of the coming session of parliament. The invitation referred to came in the shape of a personal letter late last mouth from Mr. John Jennings, who is connected with a London news agency which supplies the American press with much of its English news. The letter assured Gladstone that he would be received in America with the heartiest welcome, and expressed the idea that a personal investigation of the workings of the constitution of the United States would be productive of most important results, and perhaps enable him to deal with the question of home rule for Ireland with a far greater degree of confidence. The letter stated that the Americans generally believed Gladstone was the only man able to grapple successfully with this question.

fully with this question. In a reply, dated January 4, made public to-day, Gladstone declines for the reasons above given, and touching the Irish ques-tion, says: "The knowledge that so many tion, says: "The knowledge that so many friendly eyes in America are watching the course of events in this country with reference to Ireland will be a new incentive to the performance of a patriotic and philan-thropic duty."

King William's Compliments. Berlin, Jan. 5.-Emperor William has is sued a rescript respecting the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ascension to the Prussian throne. In it he says: "What touches me most is the unshaken confidence of my people in me and their faithful and unaltered affection." His majesty returns thanks for the numerous expressions of attachmen and veneration for him, not only from all parts of Germany but from places far beyond the German frontiers, wherever the German lan-

guage is spoken.

Ruling With a Rod of Iron." DUBLIN, Jan. 5 .- The Daily Express, the organ of the loyalists of Ireland, says: British rule in Ireland has virtually ceased to exist in the southern district of Ireland. From West Cork through the counties of Kerry and Clare, the National league is the only government recognized by the people, and it is ruling them with a rod of iron and in creditable tyranny." The disclosure of in creditable tyranny." The disclosure of the author's name would jeopardize his life

John Ruskin's Opinion on Home Rule. LONDON, Jan. 5,-Mr. John Ruskin, writing on the Irish question, suggests that the government consider the virtues and peculiarities of the Irish people before arranging for managing them. He says that the Irish people are witty and affectionate and the wittess and heartless cannot govern them.

Distress in Ireland. DUBLIN, Jan. 5.-At a meeting of the Naional league held in this city to-day, the terrible distress among the people on the west coast of Ireland was considered. Several members made addresses deploring the con-dition of affairs, and attributing it mainly to

evictions. Evidently More Antis There. DUBLIN, Jan. 5 .- At a meeting of the Loyal National association to-day a number of lovist motions were voted down amid great up roar. The meeting finally dispersed with shouts of "Home rule," and "God save Ire-

Will Join De Freycinet. PARIS, Jan. 5. - Goblet, Sadi Carnot and Sarrien, who were members of Brisson's eabinet, have decided to accept the invitation to join the cabinet of De Freyelnet.

The Prussian Diet Summoned. Bennin, Jan. 5.—The Prussian diet has been summoned to meet on the 14th, inst.

A Double Tragedy.

PORT TOWNSEND, W. T., Jan. 5. The dead bodies of John Govan, jr., and Daniel Cronan were found to-day on the beach near Jamestown, Claffam county, Both were young farmers of the neighborhood. The examination by physicians indicates that the men were held under water and strangled to They were backed and mutilated about the head and face with a club or other blunt instrument. The bodies were partially stripped of their clothes, robbed of their valuables, and turned adrift in a boat. It is supposed they were waylaid by strange

A Bankrupt Grocer. Creditors of William Gushurst, a grocer on Seventeenth and Nicholas streets swore out attachments against him in Justice Anderson's court yesterday amounting to about \$600. Gushurst has been drinking heavily of late, and his affairs are reported in bad condition.

Weather for To-day.

RAILWAY NOTES.

Change in the Union Pacific Assistant Superintendence-Notes.

The announcement was officially made yesterday of a change in Union Pacific which has long been the subject of rumor and speculation.

Mr. C. B. Havens, assistant superintendent, has resigned and retires on January 6, to be succeeded by Mr. C. W. Kauns, late master of transportation of the Texas & Louisiana division of the Southern Pacific with headquarters at Houston, Tex.

Mr. Havens resigns his railway connections to enter private business. He has been in the service of the Umon Pacitic for years, beginning in the telegraph from which he was transferred to operating department, in which he rese to his present position. He is well known

and has many friends in Omalia where he has resided for years.

Of Mr. Kouns, the Houston Daily Post of December 29 says: "Mr. W. C. Kouns, for many years connected with the International and Great Northern railway, but recently master of transportation of the Louisville division, Southern Pacific com-pany, has severed his connection with the latter company to accept the responsible position of assistant superintendent of the Union Pa-cifle railway, Nebraska division, with headquarters at Omaha. The many friends and railway associates sponsible of Mr. Kouns, while regretting his depar-ture from their midst, will be pleased to learn of his advancement in railroad circles. Mr. Kouns and his estimable wife during their residence in this city, have drawn around themselves golden cordcords of friendship that time and distance eannot sever. They left yesterday over the Missouri Pacific railway for their new home. The Post joins the railroad men in wishing C. W. K. and his family hap-piness in his new field of labor." Mr. Kouns arrived in Omaha yester-day and is stopping at the Paxton.

WANTS A DIVORCE. The Sad Story Told by Mrs. Katie

Schuldt. A sad-eyed, poorly dressed woman appeared before Folice Judge Stenberg yesterday and wanted to procure a di-vorce from her husband. "I can not give you a divorce," replied the judge to her entreaties, "you'll have to go to the district court for that. But why do you

want one?" The young woman, or girl, who gave her name as Mrs. Katie Schuldt, went on to tell the old story. She had met Peter Schuldt a year ago in Des Moines and married him. The honeymoon was hardly over before he began to beat and ill-treat her. He was an irreciaimable drunkard, and half the time was under the influence of whisky. Some months ago the pair moved to Omaha. Here Schuldt behaved worse than ever, absolutely refusing to do any work to support his wife. Mrs. Schuldt finally succeeded in obtaining a position wherein she could earn \$3.50 a week. This pittance her brutal husband made her give up to him, and he would then go off and spend it for whiskey. Yesterday Mrs. Schuldt told her husband that she proposed to get a divorce from him. He assented, and the two went up to the district court Just before entering the buildtogether. ing Schuldt remarked that he guessed he'd get a drink, took all the money his has not since been seen. The wife of one year is bound to prosecute her husband, and Judge Stenberg issued a war rant for his arrest.

KILLED BY A SNOW PLOW. A Fatality of the Blockade on the

vesterday morning.

Union Pacific. A peculiar and distressing accident was reported at Union Pacific headquarters

At night-fall Monday evening, a girl came through the blinding storm to the station at Columbus and reported to the agent that her father had been struck by snow plow three-quarters of a mile out of town. She stated that she and her father were walking along the track when suddenly a large snow plow, coming silently but swiftly through the heavy drift loomed up before them. See jumped from the track but her father was advised of the danger too late and was picked up by the rushing plow. A plow with two engines came in shortly after the girl's report and exami-nation revealed blood in the snow stick ing to its broad share but neither the engineer or fireman knew how i there. An engine was out with a number of men to look over the ground which the girl indicated, but no trace of a body could be found. Later, neighbors instituted search and dicovered the body of the man lying dead in a drift to one side of the track near the spot where the girl said the accident happened. The body was taken to a fara house. The name of the deceased is Aaron Cue, a farmer by occupation, and a resident of that locality.

Chasing a Chinaman.

There was an exciting chase for : Chinaman on Fourteenth street yesterday The cefestial was pursued by an officer, amid the whoops and derisive yells of passers by, some of whom turned in and joined the pursuer. The heavy, clumsy shoes of the Chinaman impeded his "action," and he was fast losing ground, when he ran plump into the arms of Steve Mealio. The officer then ran up and secured his proy.
The Chinaman, whose name is Wun

Lung, is wanted in Missouri for theft He was completely out of breath and nearly ready to fall to the ground when run down; a circumstance doubtless due to his having only Wun Lung. Wun Lung is now in the county

awaiting to be taken to Marysyille," Mo., where his bondsmen, interested in his return to the extent of \$500, are anxiously awaiting him.

Straightening His Accounts. The county commissioners were busily

engaged yesterday afternoon with the accounts of ex-County Clerk John Baumer. Owing to the absence of Commissioner Corliss no action was taken in the matter, and a final settlement will not be made until Saturday. Mr. Baumer was short about \$100, but he states that if his claims are allowed on the same basis as those of ex-Clerk Leavitt, the dencioney will be more than made good. The commissioners will take the claims under consideration.

Personal Paragraphs.

Frank M. Dinniny, Teomasch; Mrs. Folder and daughter, Schuyler; Frank P. Ireland, Nebraska City: Sam G. Glover, Valentine; E. T. Staples, Arlington; F. T. Ranson, Nebraska City, James Sedwich, Broken Box; H. D. Whyman, Nortolk-Wm. J. Bissell, J. E. Moner et, Culumbus, and H. E. Nye, Wayne, were among the prominent state arrivals at the hotels

A TITLE MADE IN A MOMENT

One of Our Foreign Ministers Becomes a

Mighty Brigadier. ENTIRE FORCE OF THE THIRD.

Serious Questions May Arise on Account of the Invasion of a Friendly Power's Domain with the Full Force of an Allen Beigarde,

An Army in a Family.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5 - [Special Telegram.] - Although Mr. Frederick II. Winston of this city, new United States minister to Persia, never has been connected in any way with cither the regular army or any state militia, your correspondent ascertained accidentally to-day that he was prepared to take up his residence at Teheran equipped with the full title and military trappings of a brigadier general of the Illinois National guard. The facts became known in this way: An acquaintance of Winston's was overheard to ask the minister in what form of dress he would appear before the shah. Mr. Winston replied he should wear the uniform of his military rank-that of a brigadier general. The remark was at first lightly regarded, it being well known Winston has never been identified with military matters in any capacity, but a little inquiry has developed the fact that within the past week the new minister has been commissioned by the governor of Hilmois to the rank

of a brigadier general. In prosecuting his inquiries regarding the tiquette observed at foreign courts it appears that Mr. Winston was informed by some zealous friends that military rank was one of the requisites to proper social recognition, and that the savants and gentlemen appearing in mufti were held in low regard. Phis was an alarming predicament, but a few of his personal friends agreed to lay the subject personally before Governor Oglesby, and enable the new minister to depart in a state befitting him. The Illinois state military ode provides that troops shall be divided into 'not to exceed three brigades,". As a matter of fact nine regiments and two batteries, constituting the state force, are ma-sed into 🦠o origades on paper, but only awaiting the orders of the governor to be organized. To this command Mr. Winston has been com-

missioned. Brigadier General Winston will take his on with him to Persia as private sceretary, and has requested that he be appointed an dde-de-camp, with the rank of first lieutenant. It will be seen that the Winston family, thus far, constitutes the entire effective force of the third brigade, and it has been suggested that it may involve a serious question for the state department to determine, whether an entire brigade-should be allowed to leave the country, and, again, whether it would not offend a friendly ruler to have an entire brigade entering his lominion simply as an adjunct to an embassy not of the first rank. The order for the complete equipment of the new officers has been given to a New York military furnisher.

One of the provisions made by Governor Oglesby in giving the commission was that in the event of any serious trouble in the state during Minister Winston's absence requiring the enrollment of the third brigade, he should send in his resignation. He is to be allowed however, it is understood, in that event to retain his military trappings and

AMUSEMENTS. McIntyre & Heath's Performance Last

Evening. It is seldom that an Omaha audience has had the pleasure of attending a minstrol entertainment so refined, enjoyable and thoroughly laughter-provoking as that given by the McIntyre & Heath combination at the Boyd last night. From overture to curtain the audience was kept in a roar; at no point did the interest flag. The specialty features were for the most part entirely new and taking. The songs were bright and sparkling, and rendered with a delightful dash and spirit. The jokes, barring a few familiar chestnuts, were fresh, spiey and mirth-stirring. McIntyre & Heath, in their McIntyre & Heath, in their negro-specialties, were greeted with thun-derous applause, their darkey dialogue roving the rich feature of the The musical performances, Deuitt and Kirwan, the German quartette, Barlow brothers, Delhauer and Geyer, the "frogman" and clown, all come in for mention as contributing to a thoroughly meritorious entertainment. It is safe to ay that the McIntyre and Heath minstrels will be greeted with a packed house

then they appear here again. Father O'Connor's Death. News has been received in this city of he death of Rev. Father O'Connor, of the St. Philomena's parish, this city, at Rosenallis, County Queen, Ireland, on December 17. Paralysis was the cause. In October Bishop O'Connor granted Father O'Connor leave of absence to visit his old home in Ireland. It was hoped he would recuperate his fast fail-ing health. He bade a joyous good-bye to his many friends here, who will deeply regret to hear of his sad and untimely death. Only meagre particulars of the sad event can be obtained at present. Father O'Connor had been for two cars paster of St. Philomena's, and had ecanic greatly endeared to his people. He came here from Fremont, where he and been pastor three years.

Escaped Murderers Captured. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 5.—The firlsmers who knocked down the guard at the all Sunday night and escaped, were arrested by detectives vesterday evening and jailed is morning.

Beware of Scrofula

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Sarsaparilla cured blin.

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